

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1) (Currently Amended): A package comprising:

a container ~~and a closure: said container~~ having a generally cylindrical sidewall including an integral base wall at one end and an opening at the other end; said container having interior, exterior, bottom, and top surfaces; said container having retention means for retaining a closure at ~~or near said the~~ other end and elevating means separate from the retention means and located ~~near said below the~~ other end;

~~said a~~ closure having a generally cylindrical sidewall that is smaller in diameter than the interior surface of ~~said the~~ container sidewall ~~said the~~ closure having elevating means on the outer surface of ~~said the~~ closure sidewall that cooperates with ~~said the~~ container elevating means; ~~said - the~~ closure sidewall ~~has~~ having a top panel integrally formed at one end; ~~said the~~ top panel is being smaller in diameter than the exterior diameter of the container sidewall, and ~~has a top surface, that has little to no protrusion above said container other end;~~ ~~said the~~ top panel ~~has~~ having a bottom surface integrally connected to ~~said the~~ closure sidewall, and a side surface intermediate ~~said the~~ top and bottom surfaces at the periphery of ~~said the~~ top panel;

~~said the~~ container sidewall being of such diameter, below the top surface and near ~~said the~~ other end, so as to accommodate ~~said the~~ closure top panel side surface and the container sidewall being smaller in diameter than ~~said the~~ closure top panel side surface below ~~said the~~ accommodating diameter forming a ledge to limit the distance the closure can move into the container, and the closure top surface having a portion thereof adapted to protrude above the other end of said container.

2) (Previously Presented): A package according to claim 1 having sealing means such that when said closure is applied to said container such that the package is closed, a surface on the exterior of said closure and a surface on the interior of said container will be in continuous contact with each other so as to prevent or reduce the ingress or egress of moisture or water vapor to the package along the area of contact.

3) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 2 where the sealing means is provided by continuous contact of a portion of ~~said~~ the container sidewall ledge top surface and a portion of the bottom surface of ~~said~~ the closure top panel when ~~said~~ the package is closed.

4) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 having a slot extending from the top surface of ~~said~~ the closure top panel toward the bottom surface of ~~said~~ the top panel.

5) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 having ~~said~~ the closure and ~~said~~ the container being composed of ~~one or more~~ plastic materials.

6) (Currently Amended) A package according to Claim 1 having the top surface of ~~said~~ the closure top panel being convex.

7) (Previously Presented): A package according to claim 1 where the elevating means on said container and closure are cooperating screw threads.

8) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 1 where the retention means on the container and closure are composed of an engaging bead at the opening of ~~said~~ the container sidewall and the periphery of ~~said~~ the closure top panel.

9) (Currently Amended): A package according to claim 8 having retention means comprising the periphery of ~~said~~ the closure top panel and the engaging bead at or near ~~said~~ the open end of the sidewall to retain the closure within the container and a reduced diameter of ~~said~~ the sidewall below ~~said~~ the engaging bead to form a ledge that limits the distance the closure can be inserted into the container.

10) (Canceled)

11) (Canceled)

12) (Canceled)

13) (Canceled)

14) (Canceled)

15) (Canceled)

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17) (Canceled)

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19) (Canceled)